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Meet the three newest members of the CSC

Prinz Jeremy Llanes Dela Cruz
Staff Writer

"*Come, Follow Me.' It was the Lord Jesus calling us … It was a call that came to us from without, but also one that arose up within us, as from His Spirit.*" (Constitution 1:1-4)

Such are the words which begin the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

This past weekend, the Congregation celebrated the Profession of Final Vows and the reception into the Order of Deacon by Brian Christopher Ching, CSC., Mark Francis DeMott, CSC, and Jarrod Michael Waugh, CSC, three men who heard God's call and responded with heartfelt assent.

"*We wished to abandon all to follow Christ. We learned in time that we still had it within ourselves to hold back. We wish to be wholehearted yet we are hesitant. Still, like the first disciples we know that He will draw us along and reinforce our loyalties if we yield to Him.*" (Constitution 1:8)

Exemplifying the diversity of the Church, Ching, DeMott, and Waugh each come from different backgrounds, yet share the common experience of formation in Holy Cross.

Ching was born in Flushing, New York and attended Holy Cross High School, which is sponsored by the Holy Cross Brothers. It was there that he met Holy Cross religious for the first time and was later convinced to attend Notre Dame, eventually entering the Old College Undergraduate Seminary as a sophomore.



Credit: Matt Cashore

The newly professed are Mark DeMott, C.S.C., Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C., and Brian Ching, C.S.C. from left to right.

A native of Holland, Michigan, DeMott first encountered the Congregation on a confirmation retreat held at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, where he heard Fr. Steve Gibson, CSC, speak about his missionary work in East Africa. DeMott would go on to receive an undergraduate degree from Notre Dame.

Growing up in Labette County in Kansas, Waugh came to know of Holy Cross during his undergraduate days at Notre Dame. Having participated in Campus Ministry and in the Knights of Columbus, he lived in Keough Hall for two years before entering Old College.

Each of the three men initially struggled to discern their respective vocations, but experienced a gradual sense of peace at the idea of becoming a Holy Cross religious. Their formation at Moreau Seminary and at the Holy Cross Novitiate led them to serve in various apostolates from religious education in South Bend, hospital chaplaincy in Colorado Springs, and, as in the case of DeMott, missionary work in Jinja, Uganda. After their

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University to establish gay-straight club?

Timothy Kirchoff
Staff Writer

Series note: this fall the Rover will be reporting a series tracking the development and direction of the campus push for the official recognition of a gay-straight student alliance.

In 1997 the University of Notre Dame adopted the "Spirit of Inclusion" statement, in which the university committed itself to creating a more welcoming environment for "all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality, for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we desire to be treated." In releasing this document, the university sought in part to respond to a series of requests for an officially-recognized student club intended to respond to the needs of students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender

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Right to Life club president anticipates big year

Michael Bradley
Executive Editor

In the autumn of a general election year, life issues often rise to the forefront of the nation's collective consciousness and are often hotly debated on college campuses. The University of Notre Dame Right to Life club anticipates seizing this opportunity to refocus the campus community's attention on life issues as the general election approaches.

Senior Jen Gallic, president of the Right to Life club, emphasized the impetus which the election provides to the pro-life cause in an email interview with THE ROVER.

"The candidates represented in this presidential election present extremely polarizing views on life issues, especially abortion," she said. "This election will have a huge impact on the fight for life for years to come."

With club membership on the rise, Gallic is confident that Notre Dame will be a powerful witness to the pro-life cause this year.

"Every year we have seen a record number of students joining our club," Gallic said. "We have also seen an increased number of students attending the March for Life; this year our goal is to send a stronger coalition than ever to Washington DC in January to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of ROE V. WADE."

Right to Life is planning several initiatives in preparation for the election season. Already featuring several subcommittees, Right to Life has added a new commission called Joys of Life this year. Gallic explained the mission of Joys to Life and drew attention to its positive, celebratory nature.

"Its mission revolves around the theme of 'Celebrate Life,'" she wrote. "The aim is to portray the extremely positive sides of being pro-life. We have found that students often associate the mission of Right to Life with negativity, as in ANTI-abortion, rather than PRO-life."

"We are working on demonstrating to ND students that to be pro-life is to be pro-woman and to celebrate life."

Additionally, Gallic plans to engage the campus community through venues of political dialogue.

"We are teaming up with the democratic and republican clubs on campus to

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Home under the Dome: living the charism of Holy Cross

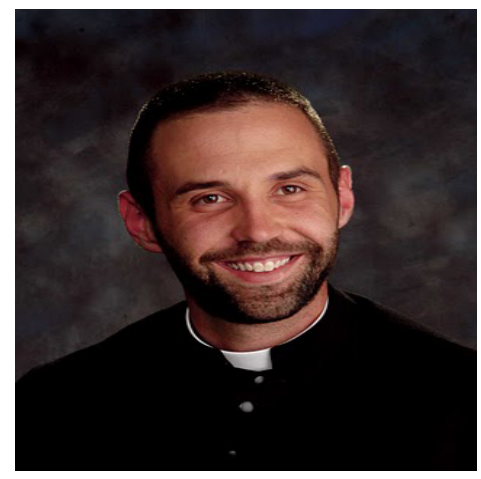
Yuko Gruber
Campus Co-Editor

Series note: this semester, the campus section will run a series of articles highlighting the ways in which the charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross is lived out at Notre Dame.

One of the most memorable pieces of mail many Notre Dame students have ever received was a thick booklet from the Admissions Office sometime during senior year of high school. 'WELCOME HOME,' it invited them, and each of their journeys as Domers truly began.

But when, and how, does Notre Dame become a home, rather than a mere institution of higher learning? From where did each student receive his or her first introduction to the 'Notre Dame family?' As scores of RAs and hundreds of Frosh-O Staff were reminded just a few weeks ago in preparation for the arrival of a new class of first year students, that family environment is fostered first in the residence halls.

The unique sense of community that permeates every residence hall on



Fr. Drew Gawrych, CSC

campus did not arise by accident; that sense is deliberately cultivated. Fr. Drew Gawrych, CSC, priest in residence in Keough Hall, explained the ways in which Notre Dame's commitment to hospitality is embedded in the charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

"Notre Dame was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, and so much of what we know as the Notre Dame tradition actually has its deeper roots in the Holy Cross tradition," he said. "The

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"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

-St. Augustine

Roman Catholic higher education: an oxymoron?

BOB BURKETT
Editor-in-Chief



In many respects the concept of a Roman Catholic institution of higher learning seems to be a contradiction. Roman Catholicism is perceived by the world to be a religion with closed-minded views and unchangeable beliefs, yet at the core of a university education is an openness and engagement with opposing viewpoints and a continual intellectual challenge to strongly held worldviews. At a Roman Catholic university, these forces are constantly in tension with one another.

At the soul of the Catholic university is its ultimate desired end: making Catholic saints through the transmission of Catholic doctrines and morals. This Catholic foundation at the root of a traditional education allows for the complete development of the person into moral and responsible citizens, witnessing the Catholic faith in everyday life. Yet the future-sightedness of this teleology can lead to an overemphasis on the present; the present-oriented view tends to focus on what is more important in the eyes of the world: the academic success and worldly prestige of an institution of higher education.

As a Roman Catholic university, Notre Dame has often struggled with the tension inherent in the Catholic university setting. After its rapid transformation from a school largely devoted to football to an elite educational institution (still just as passionate about football), the pressure to conform to the standards set forth by other, more secular universities suddenly became more poignant.

By and large, Notre Dame has managed to remain faithful to its Catholic foundations. Yes, it has faltered and stumbled at times - particularly with the honoring of President Obama as a commencement speaker in 2009. Yet despite its shortcomings, Notre Dame's overall narrative has been one of carefully negotiating the tension in its role as a Catholic university while simultaneously adhering to the Catholic faith throughout the many and diverse challenges posed to its university identity.

On the one hand, this engagement with the ideas of the world is necessary, constructive and beneficial. The challenges to the Roman Catholic doctrine thrust upon institutions of higher learning encourage a deeper personal and institutional understanding of Church doctrine and emphasize the necessity of a complete understanding of one's faith. Additionally, secular challenges reinforce the importance of the university as a place for open, rational discourse, allowing for the articulation of opposing positions and, hopefully, a solution to the problem. Because of this tension, there is always potential for a greater spiritual growth if the challenges are properly addressed by the university.

In the end, it is important to acknowledge that although Notre Dame is among competitive company, most notably its Ivy League peers, the most distinguishing characteristic remains – and should remain – its Catholic identity. Notre Dame should be, using the imagery of Matthew 5:14, "the light of the world. A city set on a hill [that] cannot be hidden." Notre Dame is not supposed to be the follower; it is supposed to be the followed. Notre Dame's mission is to educate both the mind and the heart, and if it truly believes in this model of education, it should uphold the Catholic faith, the source of the true education of the heart.

Notre Dame's Roman Catholicism is not incompatible or contradictory with the goals of higher education, but rather is a guiding truth for authentic expressions of intellectual and spiritual maturation. In many ways the missions of evangelization and sanctification of the Roman Catholic faith mutually reinforce the goal of education – challenging and strengthening one's convictions and holiness allows one to more effectively teach and witness how to properly engage one's faith in the world. At the same time, there is always the risk that a shift to either a secular or religious extreme could upset the delicate balance upon which Notre Dame rests. If the balance is upset, either dialogue will cease to take place and the university or the Roman Catholic character will begin to disintegrate. If Notre Dame fails to walk the tenuous tightrope upon which it currently treads – and it has flirted with free-fall more than once in the past decade - Notre Dame would retain its name, but would no longer be Notre Dame.

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Residential life

residential life on campus is one great example of this reality."

The idea of family, Fr. Gawrych added, has been central from the start. "Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of Holy Cross, modeled the Congregation on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. His purpose was twofold. He wanted his religious to be family to each other, but he also wanted us to become family to those we served… Here, we clearly [glimpse] the beginnings of the Notre Dame family."

To foster the direct and personal relationships that constitute a family, Blessed Basil Moreau wanted his religious to live in the midst of those they served as their neighbors. That is why most of the Holy Cross religious on campus live in the residence halls.

"It is not that we necessarily like staying up to 2 AM, although some of us are night owls," said Fr. Gawrych mused. "It is also why the other religious and lay men and women who join us in residential ministry at Notre Dame are your neighbors as well. We live in your midst so that with you we can continue to create a true family here at Notre Dame."

Fr. Gawrych went on to emphasize how significant familial relationships are in particular, beyond other manifestations of community. "We only have to have a few friends who have gone to other colleges and universities to know that the way Notre Dame seeks to foster residential life is different," he said. "We are trying to make a real family here – not just a community, but a family – and not just any family, but ultimately God's family. At Notre Dame, as in Holy Cross, God clearly is at the center. That is why there is a chapel in every residence hall with the Blessed Sacrament. We can truly say that God has come to dwell in our midst. God has come to be neighbor to us."

Even students who may not be Catholic and do not participate in Dorm Masses or other forms of worship benefit from the sacramental foundation of Notre Dame's residential life, Fr. Gawrych said. "Our non-Catholic students [too], I believe, receive the graces that spill over from that fact that the Eucharist is the source and the summit of our family life. It is God who is drawing us and binding us

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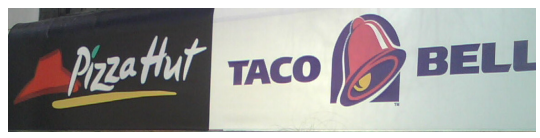
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Providing Commentary, Insight, and Views on Occurrences of Note

Cheers & Jeers

CHEERS



JOHN COCHRAN
Humor Guru

Taco Bell/Pizza Hut: Words fail in describing this great triumph. If you are a freshman you won't appreciate the improvement over its predecessor, but take it from any upperclassman: where you get your "fourthmeal" really does matter. Plus the competition may have forced Subway to get with the program and offer $5 footlongs. Win/win.

Sakai: Sure it's a better platform the beloved (well not really), though outdated, concourse, but what really sold me was the catchphrase: for educators by educators. FEBE? Where have I heard something similar?... Its like FUBU with significantly more street cred.

Father Jenkins: On May 21, Fr. John Jenkins and Notre Dame sued the Obama administration for its Health and Human Services Department's mandate which would require religious institutions like Notre Dame to provide contraceptives, abortifacients, and sterilization to its employees. It's refreshing that Notre Dame made the courageous and right decision; three years earlier president Obama had delivered a commencement address in which he stressed, among other things, religious toleration. And now the other shoe drops.

JEERS





USADA: The US anti-Doping agency has concluded its dogged witch-hunt by stripping American hero and 7 time tour de france winner lance Armstrong of his titles and banned him from competition. Despite passing 500 drug tests, the USADA has cited "overwhelming proof of doping' – the evidence for which has yet to be released-for its ruling. So far the International Cycling Union has failed to condemn Lance.

Michael Bloomberg: Between legislating against 16oz soft drinks and attempting to use the Aurora shooting tragedy to curtail Second Amendment rights, New York Nanny, er, Mayor, Bloomberg had a busy summer.

Who's Who: Crystal Grubbs

MICHAEL BRADLEY
Executive Editor

Crystal Elizabeth Grubbs is no stranger to hard work. As a member of Dillon Hall's housekeeping staff, Crystal wakes up every morning earlier than many students and comes to campus to begin her difficult, and often unacknowledged, job.

From 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM on weekdays and from 6:00 to 11:00 AM on weekends – depending on whether the Irish football team plays at home or is away – Crystal works tirelessly to make Dillon Hall a spotless and pleasant living space for its campus-high 328 residents. Along with the other members of Dillon's housekeeping staff, Yvonne and Deborah, Crystal is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the entire building. As the housekeeper for the third floor, she does everything from dusting and disinfecting the hallways, doorknobs, and windows to maintaining the restrooms.

Crystal was born and raised here in South Bend and has lived here her whole life. After graduating high school in 2002 and working at a veterinary clinic for three years, she worked three and a half years for a local distributing company. In September of 2009, Crystal was hired by Notre Dame as a temporary employee.

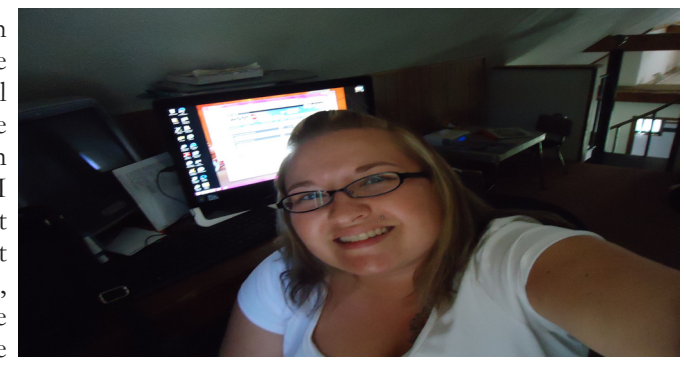
"I was a traveler, which meant I worked in whatever dorm they needed me to," Crystal explained. "In August of 2010 I got hired into Notre Dame for an on-call position and remained a traveler. Finally I got hired as a full time employee about a month later."

One month later, Crystal was hired as a full-time employee.

"And I am very grateful for that," she said.

By the spring of 2011, Crystal had been appointed the housekeeper of the third floor of Dillon, where she has been a staple of the housekeeping staff ever since. Ever conversational and always pleasant and cheerful, Crystal's enthusiasm for life is palpable.

When asked what piece of advice she would give to every Notre Dame student, Crystal replied, "Live your life to the fullest and have no regrets!"



When asked which aspects of her job she most enjoyed, Crystal said "I like working here at Notre Dame and in Dillon Hall because I get to meet different people from different countries." She added, "I also like working here for the great healthcare benefits they provide the employees."

When asked which aspect of housekeeping she least enjoyed, Crystal had a ready and understandable answer:

"I don't like cleaning up the puke that the boys leave for me after they have had a fun filled weekend!" I can say from experience that she's not the only one who doesn't enjoy how our bathrooms look on the weekends.

As for her future plans? Crystal enjoys working at Notre Dame, and since she admits that "the thought of moving away from here actually kind of scares me because I really don't like big changes," she plans to remain settled in South Bend.

"I would like to be married and have a family soon," she said. "I would like to continue working for Notre Dame and hopefully better myself by working my way up." If her excellent service and cheerful demeanor are any indication, Crystal is well on her way to achieving that goal. As a man of Dillon Hall myself, and a grateful member of the Notre Dame student community, I say 'thank you!' to Crystal, Yvonne, Deborah, and all members of Notre Dame's housekeeping staffs for the wonderful work that they do!

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together, and that makes all the difference."

Fr. Gawrych also pointed out the centrality of residence halls, noting its prominence in any ND introduction. When meeting for the first time, he observed, students waste no time asking in which dorm the other lives. "Sometimes, among alumni, that question even proceeds what year the person graduated," he said. "We ask that question because we know our Notre Dame experience has been filtered and shaped through the hall in which we live because of the family that we formed there... it really is the lens through which we see and do everything."

"It is the bonds of family that hold us in such a way that we are able to take more risks in reaching out to others and in striving to do great things," Fr. Gawrych continued. "In other words, I believe it is the Notre Dame family that empowers our students to be so zealous and ambitious in seeking to be agents of change in our world. I know that was my own experience."

In his opinion, campus residential life has equipped students with something special to offer as they seek to serve the world at large.

"From my experience, what begins to distinguish our students in their service is the emphasis they place on building community and creating family in the places they serve," he concluded. "They instinctively do in the place they serve what they have done here. And in a world, and even a Church, that is increasingly divided, that is a tremendous gift to bring."

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Campus Faith 101: intro to spirituality at Notre Dame

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Religion and Ethics Editor

Dear friends,

The University of Notre Dame is a special place. How? We may have the best 'undergraduate program/graduate school/ dining hall' or be ranked in the top 10 'dream schools,' but to 'love thee Notre Dame' is something greater than all of the above. We can love Notre Dame in the midst of even the worst football season because of our Catholic identity rooted in the Congregation of Holy Cross's tradition, to 'educate the mind and the heart.' It is that mission of Blessed Basil Moreau's upon which I wish to focus.

While there is plenty of room for discussion on how ND may be educating the minds of its students according to the model of an intellectually vibrant and truly Catholic university, we must never take for granted how easily accessible the sacraments and many opportunities for spiritual growth at Our Lady's University are to us..

At the center of this university is Christ himself. Notre Dame is truly a town of the Blessed Sacrament. Every dorm has its own chapel, as do a number of the academic buildings. Daily mass is offered throughout the day, from 6:45 AM to 10:00 at night. Campus Ministry hosts Eucharistic Adoration in the Coleman-Morse Chapel on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to8:00PM, Tuesday from noon to8:00 PM, and Friday in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica from noon to5:00 PM (you can sign up for a weekly half-hour time slot online too).

Confessions are offered daily around campus. Aside from asking any priest you may run into, confessions are heard at the Basilica starting at 11:00 AM, 4:45 PM, and 7:00 PM Monday through Friday (except no 7:00 PM on Fridays), and Saturday in the Crypt at 10:00 AM. One can receive the sacrament of Confirmation or enter the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) on campus in the beautiful Basilica of the Sacred Heart by contacting Campus Ministry.

And of, course how can we forget that we are students of Our Lady's University? Our Grotto, modeled after the grotto at which Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes France, is one of the most beautiful places on campus, withstanding many fires but never deterring its numbers of devotees, who visit her with Saint Bernadette throughout the night and day. If you really want to YONDO ('You only Notre Dame Once,' and yes, I know I am using this as a verb), you can never visit Our Lady too many times, who is our 'vita, dulcedo, spes,' consoling us and loving us at all times.

The rosary is prayed daily at the grotto at 6:45 PM and at 11:00 PM (led by our fellow students in Holy Cross formation, the Old Collegians), and groups such as Children of Mary (CoM) and the Militia of the Immaculata (MI) offer special masses on Marian feasts and. CoM also host a Rosary around the Lake on Sundays after Vespers in the Basilica, a great introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours if one is unfamiliar with this prayer of the Church, and a May Crowning.

One grace of being at Notre Dame is that no matter where you may be in your prayer life, from having a non-existent prayer life, to returning to the Church or thinking of entering the Church, and even from occupying the highest interior castle, you can always find a place at Notre Dame.

Campus Ministry offers a variety of retreats: Freshman retreats, a Sophomore Road Trip to mysterious-place-or-places-that-shall-not-be-named, Notre Dame Encounters, Silent Retreats, and Discernment Retreats. Iron Sharpens Iron, an interdenominational fellowship group, meets on Thursday Nights at 10:00 PM. Catholic Four: 7, a communal prayer and worship group, meets in the Cavanaugh Hall Chapel at 9:00 Tuesday nights and welcomes persons of all faiths.

This is just a taste of what Notre Dame has to offer when it comes to personal spiritual growth. Your fellow students, professors, priests, and religious on this campus may all play a significant role in bringing you closer to Christ intellectually, spiritually, through spiritual direction (I wish I asked for spiritual direction from certain priests sooner during my time at ND) or through apostolic work (see the Center for Social Concerns and especially their seminars or service programs-I do not think I would have met the Little Sisters of the Poor, a community I am currently discerning, if I did not do an SSLP with them). Everything can bring us to the Lord in the end, and I only hope you choose and continue to choose Him in everything. May God bless you and may our hearts increasing be like the Sacred Heart.



Sandra Laguerta is a theology major who recently came back from a beautiful summer in France, working with postulants and novices at the Motherhouse of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She loves talking about all things theology, pulling pranks, and ironing her clothes. Always looking for someone to have tea with, please, "Call her maybe" at slaguert@nd.edu.

How did we get here?

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or questioning (LGBTQ).

The year prior to the release of the "Spirit of Inclusion," a standing committee for the needs of gay and lesbian students was created by the administration. In 2006, this standing committee became the Core Council, which was designed to "act as a resource to the Vice President for Student Affairs in identifying the ongoing needs of gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual students, and assists in implementing campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues." The Core Council was initially founded to help keep the Office of Student Affairs informed; it was not set up primarily to minister to and counsel students with same-sex attraction, though it has offered programming to that end.

There are members of the student body who are now vocalizing strongly that the Core Council programs are insufficient to serve the needs of students with same-sex attraction. These students argue that the needs of students with same-sex attractions could be better served through a student-run organization. For the past four years, requests have been submitted to the Student Activities Office (SAO) petitioning for an officially-approved organization that would serve as a peer-to-peer forum for expression of solidarity with students with same-sex attractions, rather than as a student-to-administration informational body.

In previous years, such requests have been denied outright by the administration the semester of the request. However, in the spring of 2012, the SAO broke suit and instead decided to defer their decision on the most recently proposed club until the fall semester. Peggy Hnatusko, Director of Student Activities for Programming, provided the following explanation for this decision: "The University intends to review the breadth of structures and services currently provided to LGBTQ students and their allies by the University in the hopes of making the best decisions possible to support our students and the University community, all within the context of Catholic teaching."

If this latest proposed gay-straight club, AllianceND, is approved, it will be expected to act according to its constitution, which states that "The purpose of AllianceND is not to address LGBTQ issues that are in opposition to the Catholic identity of the University." Every official event hosted by an SAO-approved club is first reviewed and approved by SAO, which can refuse to allow events that are not in keeping with the mission of the club. The Student Activities Office could hypothetically veto proposed events or programming which would run contrary to the Church's teaching. Although the student club would not be run by the administration, as is the Core Council, AllianceND would be fully accountable to SAO.

The primary concern of the advocates of AllianceND and members of the 4 to 5 Movement, an initiative created by Notre Dame's Progressive Student Alliance which aims to increase ally solidarity with LGBTQ students, is to promote tolerance and acceptance of people with same-sex attractions and to eliminate hateful or insensitive slurs and prejudices which affect those people. Although these students are aware of and have participated in the programs that have been offered by the University and by the Core Council in particular, they assert that there are ways in which these programs are deficient. Many members of the Notre Dame community have posted self-made videos in which they echo the refrain, 'it needs to get better.' Advocates of AllianceND maintain that a peer-based club could minister to students in ways that the existing administrative bodies cannot. While it is possible that the University will again reject the club application and expand on its existing efforts to minister to the needs of students with same-sex attractions, it is also more likely than ever that AllianceND will be approved this year in response to mounting pressure from the campus community.

SAO and the University have been closely reviewing the programming which has been offered in the past. Further information on the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Questioning Students can be found at http://corecouncil.nd.edu. The proposed constitution for AllianceND can be found at http://blogs.nd.edu/psa/2012/08/27/constitution-of-alliancend.



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Kellogg Institute welcomes Paolo Carozza as new director

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Paolo Carozza was recently appointed director of the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies. As stated in the Institute's website, "Supporting the research and educational mission of the University of Notre Dame by engaging faculty, students, and visiting scholars in a supportive intellectual community, the Institute works to project the University onto the global stage."

Carozza added of the Institute's mission, "The Kellogg Institute aims to advance international studies, particularly around the core values of democracy and human development. To accomplish these goals, Kellogg's mission is to be one of the principal locations for Notre Dame students and faculty to engage with studies that are relevant to the larger world."

This leadership position is both a joy and a challenge. Carozza, however, is ready and willing to dedicate himself to the continuation of Kellogg's 30 years of success. "This position comes with a lot of responsibility, but more than anything I have a sense of excitement and enthusiasm—who wouldn't want to work at an institute with such an outstanding scholarly trajectory, with great resources and a talented staff?" Carozza stated.

Influenced by his father's studies in comparative literature, Carozza knew even before his undergraduate studies that his passion included exploring different cultures; in college he began to focus this interest more specifically on the developing world and Latin American in relation to the Church. Concern for human rights and the relationship between politics and religion led Carozza to law school, where he focused on international and comparative law.

After teaching in the Notre Dame Law School for 16 years and working in the world of human rights as a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the transition to the Kellogg Institute was natural for Carozza. "I love that it's interdisciplinary," he explained. "The Institute's mission matches my own interests well, and I enjoy having this opportunity to serve the University."

Carrozza is very interested in developing two aspects of the Institute. Firstly, addressing with the core themes of the program, he aims to achieve the same level of success in the human development potential of the Institute as it has had in promoting democracy. Kellogg is known world-wide for working with and for democracy, and Carozza would like to see the same global recognition, scholarly production, and successful reputation for the programs pertaining to the human development theme of the Institute.

According to Carozza, Catholic social thought and human development are hallmarks of what Notre Dame is about. "The human development theme is one that is really important to the future of Notre Dame as a Catholic university," he eagerly explained. "We have an opportunity to be a real leader in the area; it has enormous potential."


Kellogg director Paulo Carozza

Additionally, Carozza wants to encourage the Institute to become even more of an intellectual community. Kellogg brings together a wealth of talented scholars, visiting fellows, and committed students, and Carozza would like to see them working together, enriching one another's research and learning.

Carozza emphasized that "Kellogg is here to help students engage the world in a very serious and thoughtful way, through the commitment of its work to the common good of the whole human family. It is natural and right for college students to have an openness to the rest of the world; without taking advantage of the opportunities available on campus to expand this interest, it eventually goes away." Carozza desires all students to take advantage of all the Kellogg Institute has to offer and "develop their natural curiosity about the rest of the world in a way demonstrating their commitment to others."

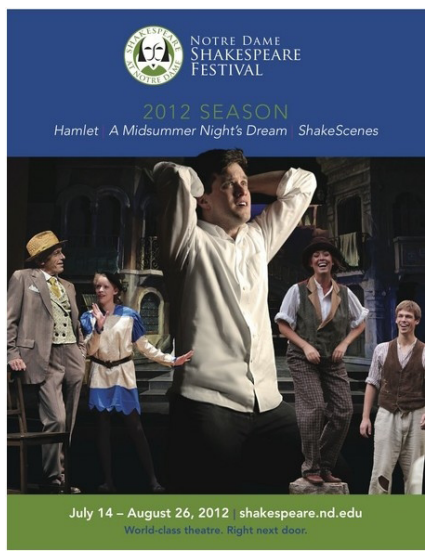
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From the Globe to the Dome: The Bard visits Notre Dame

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Students walking across God Quad on August 20 chanced upon something quite dramatic. On the eve of Notre Dame's first day of classes, the South Bend community gathered for the closing performance of Shakespeare's classic comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Performed by the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival's Young Company, this presentation was the eighth in a series of shows in Indiana and Michigan that occurred over the summer.

"Working with a travelling show was a lot of fun," said Molly Bea Goodman, a Theatre and Religious Studies double major at Saint Mary's College and stage manager of the production. "There were a lot of challenges that you don't have in normal theatre: for example, we really had no set. We had eight chairs, six benches, and our props. The set itself and what the audience experienced changed every time."



Locations for this travelling show ranged from the Wellfield Botanic Gardens in Elkhart to the Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville, Michigan, where the opening performance was held on July 15. Some of the actors were recent or current students at Notre Dame at Saint Mary's. Others hail from Northwestern University and Oklahoma City University.

Students didn't need to linger for long last Monday before becoming engrossed in this production. Laughing boisterously at every few lines, the joy and enthusiasm of the audience was infectious across campus. Furthermore, this Young Company performed with the grace and skill of seasoned players, demonstrating particular excellence in impeccable comedic timing.

Goodman relished the opportunity to work with experienced and knowledgeable individuals. "It was incredible working with [director] Kevin Asselin," she said. "He had such a unique sense of the show and used the actors to their full ability. He kept his energy up through the summer heat, which forced us to keep pushing through."

The Bard was not only on campus through the Young Company. The group is part of the annual Shakespeare Festival, performing alongside members of the community in "Shakescenes" and the Professional Company, who performed *Hamlet* this season.

"I think that it is a fantastic opportunity for the Notre Dame community to host a festival like this," said Toni Marsteller, a Saint Mary's College History and Theatre major and president of Thespians Unplugged.

"It is wonderful to see quality productions, not only by professionals, but by students our own age," he continued. "Getting to see their productions has been a highlight of the beginning of each year for me."

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Committee works to make Frosh-O welcoming to all

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This fall the Notre Dame Class of 2016 experienced a classic 'Frosh-O' weekend filled with familiar traditions and routine activities. Due to the Student Campus Orientation Committee's (SCOC) deliberate planning, however, the newcomers' first days on campus were noticeably altered in order to foster a more welcoming environment for all.

Ricky Bevington, a senior undergraduate and chairperson of this year's SCOC, said of the 2012 Frosh-O weekend, "This year we were really working on inclusion issues in general; making sure that every student that came into the orientation experience felt as welcome as possible."

"That is something that our university does a great job with for a lot of students, but sometimes our general enthusiasm for the traditions and spirit on campus causes us to not necessarily recognize when certain students slip through the cracks," he continued.

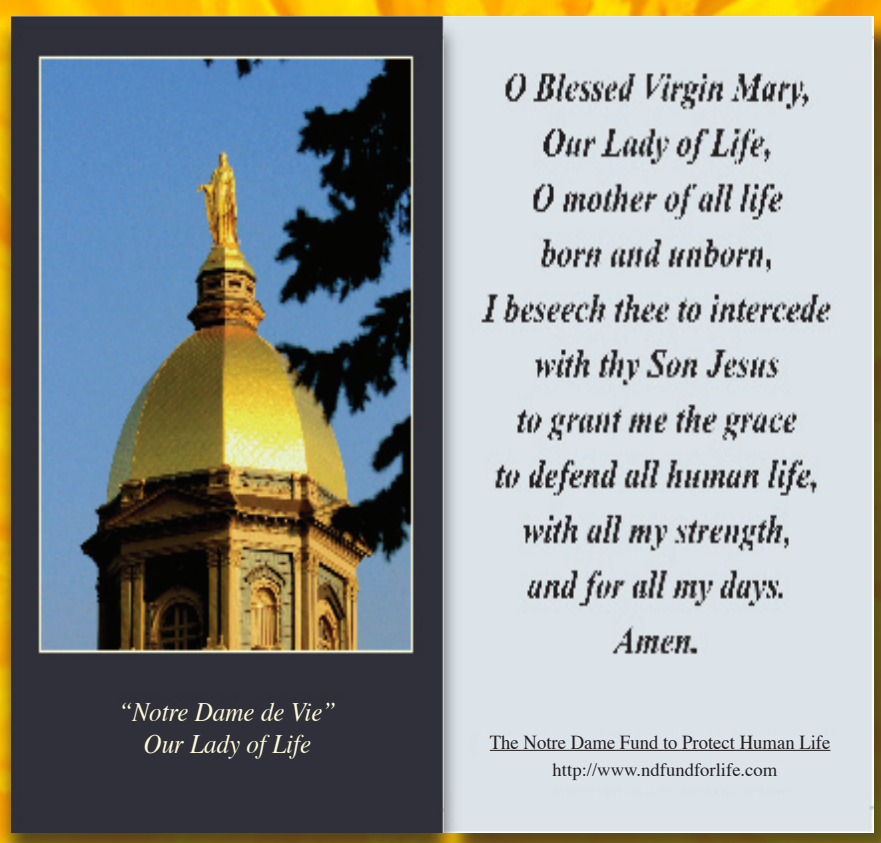
Over the summer, the committee reviewed and assessed feedback from a variety of sources including campus surveys, First Year of Studies focus groups, and comments received by the administration. Using this data, SCOC worked to rethink orientation through the lens of paying particular attention to the needs of every student. They then collaborated with Hall Frosh-O Commissioners and Hall Staffs to implement their ideas into the existing programming.

The SCOC connected with other organizations across campus, such as the Core Council and Multicultural Student Programs and Services, for input on how to make the weekend welcoming and accessible to all incoming students. Addressing comments about the heteronormativity (the cultural practice of distinguishing humans as distinctly engendered and pronouncing heterosexual relationships as normative) of standard activities and making staffs aware of the needs of racial and ethnic minorities were priorities.

Additionally the committee was cognizant of the different personality types of the students. "Orientation is programmed to the most outgoing student possible, which isn't always the best way to go," Bevington explained. "We do have other students that are not that outgoing. They sometimes question 'is this the place for me?' based on what the program is providing." Bevington said that the SCOC thoroughly reflected on traditional activities to ensure their meaningfulness and determine whether they were continued solely out of convention.

One particular popular tradition which the SCOC addressed was the renowned serenading between dorms, a practice which traditionally began on the Friday evening of Frosh-O weekend. Bevington explains that the group discussed "what that tradition meant for the campus. Our committee worked a lot to make that tradition sustainable, to make that tradition one that could work with the campus community as it is now." Reports from previous years that the serenading reached an inappropriate level led the committee to initiate adjustments, such as mandating suitable space between students and ensuring appropriate content in order to promote the comfort of all involved and enhance the bonding aspect of the activity. Without these changes, the committee argued that

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Final vows

respective novitiate years, Ching, DeMott, and Waugh entered the Congregation by professing, for the first time, vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, vows which they then renewed twice over the span of obtaining their Master of Divinity degrees at Notre Dame. During their years of formation, they had been awaiting one singular event by which they would make their commitment to the Congregation a lasting one: Final Vows.

"*We pronounce our vows in a moment, but living them for the sake of the kingdom is the work of a lifetime. That fulfillment demands of us more than the mere wish, more even than the firm decision. It demands the conversion of our habits, our character, our attitudes, our desires.*" (Constitution 6:57)

Last Saturday, amidst a sea of pews filled with family members, friends, and their brothers in Holy Cross, Ching, DeMott, and Waugh promised to maintain the disciplines of chastity, poverty, and obedience to their newly-elected Provincial Superior of the United States Province, Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, CSC.

Within the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, a church in which hundreds of Holy Cross religious before them had made their final profession, the three men became lifetime members of "*a great band of men," a family which "had passed this way, men who had made and lived by their vows, men who had walked side by side in their following of the Lord*" (Constitution 1:5). Community modeled after the Holy Family is a hallmark of Holy Cross, a fraternal union whose objective is to strengthen and support.

During the recitation of the Litany of Saints, the three men lay prostrate on the ground as an expression of humility. When he was lying down with his head to the floor, Ching humorously observed that the first thought to pass through his mind at the time was how the carpet in the Basilica was cleaner than he had imagined.

After the Mass, a reception was held at the Main Building and was followed by a dinner at Moreau Seminary. The celebration would continue well into the next day as the men prepared for their diaconate ordination.

"*In the discernment of God's call we are a brotherhood at the service of the universal church under the pastoral direction of the Pope; and we are no less responsive to the needs of the local churches wherever we live and work. In what regards worship, pastoral ministry and our labor for the kingdom we are under the pastoral authority of the bishops.*" (Constitution 5:51)

In the lofty chapel at Moreau Seminary and under the vigilant gaze of the stained glass windows featuring vibrant angels, the Holy Cross community, bolstered by family and friends, gathered once more for the ordination of Ching, DeMott, and Waugh to the Order of Deacon.

Diaconate ordinations are a gift to the entire Church and the Church asks the *ordinandi* (the men to be ordained) to become leaders within the body of Christ.

Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, His Excellency John Michael D'Arcy, presided over the liturgy and exhorted the men to pursue holiness "through their words and their lives," that they might "ascend through the cross, which is Christ."

D'Arcy then laid hands on Ching, DeMott, and Waugh, effectively raising them as deacons of the Church, charged with serving her needs by performing baptisms, preaching homilies, and completing other spiritual tasks.

The three men will go on to further the mission of Holy Cross in their assigned diaconate placements. Ching is stationed at St. Joseph's Parish and Waugh is serving at Christ the King Parish, both of which are in South Bend. DeMott will be returning to the University of Portland, a Holy Cross institution on the West Coast, as a residence hall director.

Regardless of where they will be sent in the future, the three men have no reason to fear. During his homily at Final Vows, O'Hara assured Ching, DeMott, and Waugh that although they would be following in the footsteps of priests and brothers before them, they "would never walk alone."

"*The footsteps of those men who called us to walk in their company left deep prints, as of men carrying heavy burdens. But they did not trudge; they strode. For they had the hope.*" (Constitution 8:122)

Contrary to his elaborate name, Prinz Jeremy Llanes Dela Cruz is not some German prince but is a second-year seminarian at Old College and a proud French major. Contact him at pdelacru@nd.edu.

Right to life

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Jen Gallic

host an event which focuses on what each presidential candidate has to offer on the life issues," she said. The event would not result in or amount to a political endorsement for a specific candidate, but would rather elucidate each candidate's actual stances on the life issues.

"While... not officially support[ing] any singular candidate, we strongly emphasize voting along life issues lines," Gallic continued. "Our goal with this event is to make students aware of what each candidate represents in relation to the life issues and what their impact could be once they assume their office."

Besides its presence at the annual March for Life and its aforementioned initiatives, Notre Dame Right to Life offers a multitude of services and programs on a regular basis throughout the academic year. Right to Life sponsors two pro-life lectures each semester; maintains its own Project Mom, offering comprehensive pre-natal care to pregnant women who cannot otherwise afford it; and establishes Respect Life weeks while hosting prayer and vigil events.

"We pray the rosary weekly at the local abortion clinic," Gallic said, describing more of Right to Life's routine activities. "We pray collectively before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration in the Coleman-Morse chapel once a week, and we attend a special Mass celebrated monthly to pray for the pro-life cause. Our website has all this information and more."

"Furthermore, we are working on beginning a community-partnership project with local pro-life centers. We are partnering with the Women's Care Center, Portage Manor, Hannah's House and Hannah and Friends to provide community outreach service to the mothers of South Bend."

Gallic stressed that Notre Dame occupies a prominent position within the minds of many American Catholics and that the university should embrace that role.

"With this status comes the responsibility to speak out against the greatest injustice of our time," she noted. "There is great power behind Our Lady's university. Gathering together all the resources at Notre Dame, we would be able to fight abortion from a medical, spiritual and political stance."

Gallic concluded her interview by revisiting the paramount importance of the pro-life cause and expressing her aspirations for the Notre Dame community in this regard.

"The fight for life is universal. The pro-life mission is always important and will continue to be important until all human life is respected," she insisted. "I know that trying to ensure that all Notre Dame students are pro-life when they graduate is nearly an impossible task."

She concluded, "however, it is my hope that when my fellow classmates are asked 'are you pro-life?' later in their lives they will be able to answer with a resounding 'yes,' because they have been witnesses to what it means to be pro-life during their time at Notre Dame."

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Every Four Years...Election 2012: Your Off and On Campus Update

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The 2012 Presidential Election is under 70 days away and as citizens, Notre Dame students are seeking to become informed not only of the hot-button issues of this election, but with the candidates who will help shape the future of the United States

This week, Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney will formally accept the Republican Party's presidential nomination. Romney will challenge President Barack Obama, the sitting incumbent and nominee for the Democratic Party.

Currently, polls reveal that the candidates are almost even in the overall popular vote. The Gallup Poll currently shows Governor Romney leading President Obama 47 percent to 46 percent, while Rasmussen Reports indicates that President Obama leads the former governor 47 percent to 45 percent. However, it should be noted that both of these margins are within each respective poll's margin of error.

Furthermore, polling is close in the swing states that may ultimately decide the Electoral College winner. Real Clear Politics, an organization which averages several reputable polls, indicates that the margin between President Obama and Former Governor Romney is equal to or less than two percentage points in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin. There is every indication that the election is very much in contest.

Despite its immense coverage, the presidential election is not the only election happening this November. Local residents will have also have the opportunity to vote for a candidate in the Indiana Second House District, the United State Senate race, and the Indiana gubernatorial race.



Accordingly, students involved in both Notre Dame College Democrats and Notre Dame College Republicans are excited to campaign for their respective candidates and platforms.

Camille Suarez, President of Notre Dame College Democrats, holds high expectations for the November elections and commented on how College Democrats can impact the process.

"For the 2012 election season the Notre Dame College Democrats are focusing on registering as many Notre Dame students to vote [as possible], regardless of party affiliation, and mobilizing club members in the South Bend community in order to assist the South Bend Democratic party in local and state elections."

Mickey Gardella, President of Notre Dame College Republicans, is also eager for November. "Our primary hope is for Mitt Romney to be elected the forty-fifth president of the United States. Just behind that [hope] is [the hope] for the Republican Party to retain control of the House of Representatives and gain control of the Senate," Gardella said.

Like College Democrats, College Republicans hopes to inform students about the candidates and their respective platforms. "Our main goals are to inform our members and the student body as a whole on the central issues of the presidential campaign and the races in their states, and campaign for congressional candidate Jackie Walorski, Senate candidate Richard Mourdock, and gubernatorial candidate Mike Pence here in Indiana," Gardella stated. "We will promote the Republican Party's vision of stronger economic growth and increased prosperity through the reduction of taxes, wasteful government spending, and job killing regulations."

2012 promises to be a politically exciting time both at and away from Our Lady's University.

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From Kennedy to Biden and Ryan: the evolution of the Catholic vote

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Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan was recently announced as the Republican vice-presidential candidate. Like Vice-President Joe Biden, Ryan is a practicing Roman Catholic who admittedly incorporates his faith into his political philosophy – perhaps most notably in his budget proposal as Chairman of the Budget Committee. That said, it is prudent to examine if and how Ryan's Catholicism will impact the 2012 presidential election.

When considering the role of Catholicism in modern American politics, it is important to understand historical context. In 1960, John F. Kennedy was elected the first Catholic president of the United States. He won a Pulitzer Prize for a book on United States Senators who risked their political careers for their personal beliefs. Today, one's personal beliefs need not, and often do not, dictate political beliefs.

In the 1960 primaries, Kennedy was strongly supported by Catholics but opposed by Protestants wary of his faith. Due to the hostility of American Protestants, this polarity did not have a strong effect on the election itself. However, the political and religious landscape has since changed.

According a Gallup poll taken before Ryan was selected, Catholics supported both Romney and Obama equally, 46 percent overall. Hispanic Catholics supported Obama 70 percent to 20 percent, while white non-Hispanic Catholics favored Romney 55 percent to 38 percent. In June 2008, Obama led Arizona Senator John McCain 47 percent to 43 percent among Catholics. From these numbers, Catholics appear to vote in a similar proportion to the nation as a whole.

Notre Dame Political Science Professor Dave Campbell agrees with the national trend. "While we could once speak of a single 'Catholic vote' that was distinctive, today's Catholic voters reflect the heterogeneity of the Church, and the nation as a whole," he said.

In short, Campbell believes that the electoral significance of the vice-president's religion is minimal.

"Just as few Catholics are likely to vote for the president because Vice President Biden is Catholic; few Catholics will decide to vote for the Romney ticket because Paul Ryan is Catholic," Campbell emphasized. Indeed, the fact that both Biden and Ryan are Catholics of a different stripe only reinforces the point that there is not one Catholic vote in America, but instead many Catholic votes." As issues such as same-sex unions and abortion continue to divide the Catholic vote, Professor Campbell suggests that there is an ever increasingly diverse group of people with different personal beliefs who are subsumed under the category of 'the Catholic vote.'

The presidential election will largely be determined by each ticket's agenda for improving the economy, yet the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers no official guidelines prescribing which economical models or programs would most fully reflect and embody Catholic teaching. Consequently, for many Catholics, it is difficult to discern the moral legitimacy of a candidate's proposed schemes without a guiding rubric established by the Magisterium.

Ryan's Catholic profile was seemingly strengthened by his correspondence and partnership with Archbishop of New York Timothy Cardinal Dolan during the recent budget proposal process. Cardinal Dolan is notably delivering the convocation at the Republican National Convention. Dolan offered this same prayerful service at the Democratic National Convention, but party leaders declined.

As Catholic voters head to the booths in November, Ryan and Biden's Catholicism may be an influential factor in the electoral outcome. It is debatable though, as Campbell noted, to what extent the Catholic faith of members of either ticket will influence the 2012 presidential election. The Catholic vote is increasingly divided along partisan lines. While Catholics still comprise a large plurality of the nation's voters, a given candidate's Catholicism is not as powerful a factor in today's political landscape as it was in the 1960s.

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Committee seeks to revise Frosh-O

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eventually the administration would have been forced to eliminate the activity altogether.

Bevington summarized the overarching perspective of his committee.

"The main goal [for the SCOC] at this point is trying to reimage orientation at large," he said. "We made a lot of great changes but what needs to happen now is to get everyone on the same page to make sure the changes we made at orientation become the standard culture of orientation."

Speaking to the student body's role in welcoming first year students, Bevington said, "I think everyone should be aware of the fact that each group of students that comes through campus is different. The class of 2016 is a lot different than any other class that has ever been here before… it's important to realize that they will still have the same traditions we have, but will add to them."

"The hard thing is to understand that the culture is going to change a little bit."

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Notre Dame football greats: Angelo Bertelli

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As a student at Notre Dame it is impossible to escape the tradition, the folklore, and the sheer greatness upon which our beloved football program was founded. Students love to brag about it, and rightfully so.

The list of legacies is as lengthy as the line to get into Hip Hop Night at Legends on a Saturday night. "The House that Rockne Built", "Win just one for the Gipper", Rudy, Touchdown Jesus, 11 National Championships, more unanimous All-Americans than any other university, and 7 Heisman Trophy Winners epitomize just a few aspects of Notre Dame's impressive football résumé.

But how much does the average Domer *actually* know about the history of a program that they will undeniably defend to the death against any 'haters?' Can anyone name all seven Heisman winners? If so, how about reciting three facts about each of them?

The point here is not to be condescending—humbly put, there are simply so many great athletes contributing to the authentic, unparalleled tradition of Notre Dame football that it is practically impossible not to overlook a few. This section of the Rover will uncover the hidden heroes of Irish football lore, and dedicated readers might just become uncontested champions of unofficial Notre Dame trivia.

What better place to start than with Notre Dame's first Heisman Trophywinner, Angelo Bertelli?

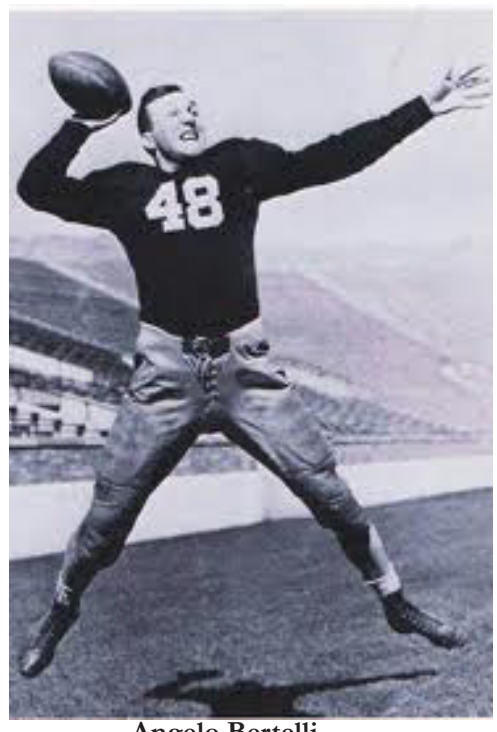
Born in West Springfield, Massachusetts in 1921 to Italian parents, Bertelli was a naturally gifted all-around athlete and leader. After earning all-state honors in football, hockey, and baseball, Bertelli arrived in South Bend slated to become the next great Notre Dame running back.

Coach Frank Leahy, however, had other things in mind, and after a relatively successful season transitioned Bertelli from a small-statured halfback to a force to be reckoned with as the field general and quarterback of the new-look 'T-formation' offense.

Bertelli flourished in his new role and threw for over 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns his first season as quarterback. Though limited by injuries to only six games in his senior year (see below), he again threw for 10 touchdowns and did enough to win the hearts of the Heisman voters – an extremely remarkable achievement considering his limited game time.

Aside from the 1943 Heisman Trophy, Bertelli's other notable football accolades include being named to the 1942 and 1943 All-American teams, only losing a total of three games in his entire Notre Dame career, and being voted sixth in the Heisman ballot in 1942 and runner-up in 1941. He was picked first overall by the Boston Yanks in the 1944 NFL draft.

A side note on the Boston Yanks: quite an ironic choice for a professional team name from the city of Boston, right? The label 'Yanks' derived from their owner's initial desire to field a team whose home games would be played at Yankee Stadium.


Angelo Bertelli

Oddly enough, despite being denied life in the Bronx and having to settle for Fenway Park, the franchise stuck with the highly contentious and polarizing name. Perhaps it was a bad omen, as the organization formed in 1944 and went bankrupt just four years later, never garnering a winning season.

An interesting fact to tie this back to Notre Dame, though, is that the Yanks are the only defunct NFL franchise to ever select first overall in the draft, holding the top position twice. They selected Fighting Irish players both times (Bertelli in '44 and quarterback Frank Dancewicz in '46).

However, Bertelli never actually suited up for the Yanks. He instead chose to wear a different type of uniform in 1944, one with more personal significance. As was quite frequent in the era, Bertelli enlisted as a Marine Corp Reserve while studying at Notre Dame and was called to active duty as a second lieutenant during World War II. After several stops in Europe, he nearly lost his life after a Japanese mortar shell exploded 15 feet from him at the Battle of Iwo Jima. His staunch courage earned him multiple military honors, including a Purple Heart.

Bertelli finally returned home to the United States in March 1946, and shortly thereafter signed a contract to play football professionally for the Los Angeles Dons. (It is difficult to envision anything like this happening in today's society—imagine Andrew Luck, the first selection in this year's draft, forgoing millions of dollars to join the military). Unfortunately, knee trouble forced Angelo into retirement prior to the 1949 season. After football, he remained involved with the military until 1957, operated several small businesses in New Jersey, and served as the radio voice of the Princeton University Tigers' football team for over a decade. His athletic prowess on the football field also led to his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1972.

On June twenty-sixth 1999, Bertelli passed away in his New Jersey home at age 78 after losing a battle with brain cancer. He is survived by his wife, Gilda Passerini, and his four children.

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Turning Point USA: Fighting Excessive Government Spending

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America's biggest enemy is a self-created product of the government's wastefulness that will internally destroy the country. The problem is the $16 trillion national debt.

The issue is daunting but a solution is possible. Turning Point USA is a new organization at Notre Dame designed to confront national debt crisis and subsequently promote fiscal responsibility.

Why does this matter? Why is this issue more serious than a nuclear Iran? The answer is simple: The government will eventually run out of money. The Congressional Budget Office has stated that the Medicare Trust Fund will go bankrupt in 2022; Social Security will follow suit in 2049. These programs are in desperate need of reform, but our politicians are too afraid of political fallout to actually offer solutions. Washington's spending addiction has been going on for years and unless it is stopped, the United States government will eventually cease to function.

For many students, this is not a relevant issue. 'I'm in college,' they remark. 'Why should I care?'

In reality, students should care more. According to the CBO, if the national debt were to be divided between each taxpayer, each and every taxpayer would owe the government $140,000. Add the debt that the average student will accumulate from college tuition and the problem becomes evident.

The worst part about this is that many of our current politicians escape this fiasco. Many current politicians will have passed away before the debt will begin to be paid; consequently, it will be placed on the back of the younger generations - people who owed interest on our debt before they could even vote.

Turning Point has created a term for this reality, dubbing it "generational theft". In generational theft, older generations going on a massive spending spree and forcing the younger generations (including ours) to pay for it.

Generational theft is something that should enrage every student regardless of political affiliation. Why should today's youth be solely responsible for our government's reckless spending? Why not hold current politicians accountable? However, time is running out and action must soon be taken.

Turning Point aims to take action. The organization's sole focus is fiscal responsibility; consequently, it's message will be clear and its' impact strong.

Utilizing a two-fold method, Turning Point aims to stir the current political arena. First, the organization will support politicians who promote fiscal sanity. Second, Turning Point will attempt to bring influential speakers to campus to speak to students about fiscal issues.

Turning Point's goal is to educate students about the problems created by excessive government spending. Through education, Turning Points will empower young adults to fight for fiscal responsibility and tell politicians to stop destroying their future before it is too late.

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